

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, February 6, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Carroll, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger. Also attending was Township resident Jennifer Mathews (interested in joining CTEC).

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from January 8, 2007 and Mr. Payton seconded, with all in favor.

Events

Thurs. Feb. 8, CTEC Annual Report presentation at Chatham Township Committee meeting.

Thurs. March 1, ANJEC workshop on habitat, threatened & endangered species, and the NJDEP Landscape Project computer resource. 5:30-9 pm, Warren County Community College. Free to CTEC members.

Sat. April 7 and Sat. April 14, 9 AM - noon. Electronics Recycling at the Public Works yard next to the police station. Volunteers needed for all or any part of that time to help residents unload items.

Sat. April 14, 8 AM - 5 PM. NJEF's 21st Annual Conference, Rutgers Univ. School of Law, 129 Washington St., Newark. www.cleanwateraction.org/njef/events.htm.

Sat. April 21, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Fifth Annual Riverside Cleanup. Park at New Providence Dept. of Public Works just across the Passaic St. bridge.

Notes

New address for Chatham Township GIS web site (a gold mine of information for anyone researching site plans.) The address is

<http://gis.civilsolutions.biz/ims/Index.asp?Username=Chatham&password=Chatham&po>. You may need the username Chatham, password Chatham.

New Morris County GIS tax data website at <http://www.gti.net/mocolib1/realty.html>.

Application/LOI Review

Thoennessen – Bl. 35 Lot 5.05 155 Meyersville Rd. – Planning Board request for minor subdivision. O. Raadam and K. Abbott to review. Open.

Molino – Bl. 20 Lot 20 – approved (after the fact) memo to Board of Adjustment

on Jan. 8, 2007. Mr. Payton moved to approved memo, Mr. Raadam seconded, with all in favor. Closed.

Berkeley Heights – Mead St., Berkeley Heights, Bl. 801 Lots 35-40, 45-47. approved memo to DEP (with amendments) prepared by S. Carroll and S. Hoag. Mr. Payton moved to approved memo, Mr. Raadam seconded, with all in favor. Closed.

Chatham Township – Shunpike Field – Bl. 128 Lot 18 – application to DEP for LOI. S. Stillinger, K. Abbott and N. Hagner to review. (W. O'Connor to review if N. Hagner unable). Open.

Letters send in January 2007 – Gunn/Green Village Rd. to DEP, Molino to Bd of Adjustment.

Letters approved and still to be sent: 72 Southern Blvd to PB, Dudley/Meyersville Rd to PB. – waiting for applications to be complete and received.

Reports

Pesticide reduction presentation on Feb. 1 – attended by 30 interested people, repeat meeting on 2/14/07 at the Twp. garden club. Discussion on organic lawn grass, no cosmetic pesticide by organic landscaper. K. Abbott

Planning Board Report – Master Plan changes not started. Hagner application approved because of de minimus changes. Subway undecided. Reported by D. Stillinger.

Open Space – Banisch Assoc. consultant discussed Greenway trail proposals. Township website to receive input from residents regarding Greenway trails. S. Hoag

Township Committee report - Introduced new ordinance for soil erosion and sediment control measures. Reported by D. Stillinger.

Anti-Idling – waiting to here from T. Ciccarone regarding schools utilization. Madison YMCA to undertake, will report on feedback. K. Abbott

StormTrap – WWW.stormtrap.com - St. Hubert's is a good candidate for storm water detention system. Refer information to Planning Board, possible option when paving over large land. Further research needed – S. Hoag and D. Stillinger to assist in research along with O. Raadam.

Action Items

Subcommittee formed for conservation easement on-the-ground baseline data collection project. S. Hoag, L. Caprioglio, D. Stillinger.

Approval of proposed ordinance language requiring conservation easements on critical areas. Mr. Payton approved and Ms. Stillinger seconded, with all in favor.

Commission discussed finalizing projects for U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Possibilities are solar lighting, fluorescent lighting, disposing of fluorescent bulbs, hazardous waste collection, and energy audit. Finalize at March meeting.

Mail (on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

Notice of ANJEC 2007 Smart Growth Planning Grants. Last year the CTEC project didn't qualify and the Planning Bd. Project didn't make the cut.

Long Hill Twp EC minutes.

Chatham Borough EC minutes.

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Scannelli